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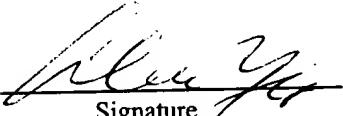
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TECHNIQUE FOR RETURNING CALLS IN RESPONSE TO RECEIVED MESSAGES

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/816,921 filed on March 13, 1997 under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

5 Field of the Invention

The invention relates to a communications system and method, and particularly to a system and method for facilitating communications between a calling party and a called party of a communication call, e.g., telephone call.

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Background of the Invention

It is a common experience to call a telephone operator for information assistance. In a typical information assistance call, a caller identifies to the operator the name and address of a party whose telephone number is desired. In response, the operator locates the desired destination number using, e.g., a computer database. The destination number is then provided to the caller, e.g., by a computerized voice response unit (VRU) which provides automated voicing of the number, and the caller is afforded an option to be connected to the destination number without the need of first terminating the information assistance call.

It is also known in prior art that a voice messaging service may be provided in the event that a caller when calling a called party encounters a busy signal or a ring-no-answer condition. One such voice messaging service is disclosed, e.g., in U.S. Patent No. 5,414,754. Specifically, when the caller encounters a busy signal or a ring-no-answer condition in reaching the called party, a

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was filed on July 31, 2001 as application Serial No. 09/918,867.

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